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I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a declaration by the Organization of the Islamic Conference Contact Group dated 22 February 1995 concerning the easing of sanctions against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro).

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have this document circulated among the members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Council.

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to the United Nations
Chairman of the Organization of the
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Annex

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Declaration by the Organization of the Islamic Conference Contact Group issued on 22 February 1995

Two recent steps by the authorities of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) have underlined the necessity to re-evaluate whether those authorities have in fact accepted the Contact Group peace plan, renounced territorial ambitions with respect to their neighbours and, therefore, are deserving of the easing of sanctions as adopted under Security Council resolutions 943 (1994) and 970 (1995).

First, accumulating evidence of violations of the border between the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) and the acquiescence or complicity of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) authorities in such violations indicate an intentional or reckless disregard of the Security Council's objectives as outlined in resolutions 943 (1994) and 970 (1995).

Second, the continuing rejection of the authorities of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) to agree on mutual recognition with the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republic of Croatia reveal their lack of commitment to the Contact Group peace plan and the principle of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of their neighbours. This brings into question the entire basis for any Security Council and/or Contact Group measures intended to reward the authorities of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) for presumably cooperative behaviour in supporting the international efforts towards peace.

Thus, while the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) still carries the overwhelming burden for aggression against the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, genocide, as well as the continuing conflict in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, it clearly has not undertaken any substantive efforts to bring about a peaceful settlement consistent with the numerous demands of the Security Council and General Assembly.

Consequently, the Organization of the Islamic Conference Contact Group is of the view that the easing of sanctions on the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) should be immediately terminated consistent with paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 970 (1995).

If in fact the deadline has not already lapsed for the acceptance of the peace plan, then it certainly will in the very near future and therefore the Security Council should proceed to implement the further elements of the Contact Group peace plan that are called for in the event of the continuing rejection of said peace plan by the Serbian side.